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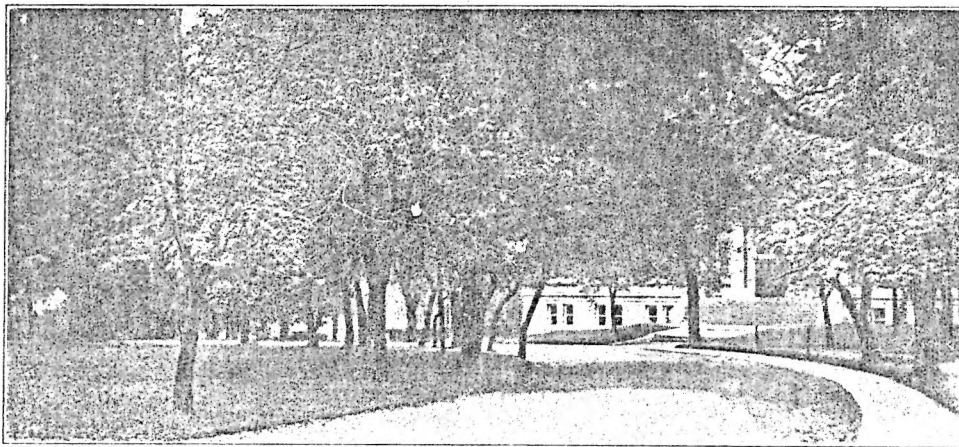
## Judge Terrell Addresses the Alpha Phi

**N**OTWITHSTANDING the extreme inclement state of the weather last Friday evening, a large and appreciative audience was out to hear Judge R. H. Terrell of the Municipal Court on "Frederick Douglass, the Orator," before the Alpha Phi Literary Society, at its first public meeting of the year. Assistant Attorney-General Wm. H. Lewis had been advertised to give the address of the evening, but he was detailed from doing so by official business in Boston. Hon. Judge Terrell consented at the 11th hour, after much persuasion, to give his admirable address, and well did he serve on short notice.

The speaker was introduced with fitting remarks by Professor Kelly Miller. From the lecturer's first word to his last, interest never lagged. He traced the life of Frederick Douglass from his lowly, wretched slave life in Tuckahoe, Maryland, to the very consummation of his power as an orator, prompted by the whisper of a soul downcast because of the miserable condition of his own people. In Rochester, N. Y., in an eloquent oration at a Fourth of July celebration, he pleaded for the Negro in bond-

age. Douglass was followed through his crowning success in England as well as in America; was compared with orators of all the nations and was pronounced worthy of a name among them and declared decidedly the fairest flower that has ever bloomed in the field of oratory among colored Americans.

Douglass was admirable, said the speaker, because he had the heart to stand up in the face of a hostile people and speak his



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convictions, regardless of whom they offended; he further emphasized that to appreciate Douglass as an orator one would have to have seen his wonderful physique and to have come under his powerful voice as he poured out a soul full of love for his race.

Other features of the program were; Recitation, Mrs. Joseph H. Douglass; Instrumental Solos, the Misses Dykes; Vocal Solos, the Misses Olive Wells and Lillian Evans; Violin Solo, Mr. Felix F. Wier; and Music by the University Orchestra. This, by far, eclipsed any similar function given by the organization in many

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## The Competitive Debate

**T**HE Annual Competitive Contest of the Kappa Sigma Debating Club was held in Library Hall, Saturday evening. The subject debated was Resolved: "That the People of the Several States Should Have the Power to Recall State Judges." The question was discussed by fifteen forensic orators all of whom had uppermost in their hearts the representation

of Howard in the defense against her old and erstwhile bitterest foes in the debating arena. There being a dearth of affirmative speakers, 3 negatives had to follow each affirmative. The contestants in their speak-

ing order were I. R. Berry, E. A. Love, F. C. Jenkins, A. D. Armstrong, F. J. Wilson, F. H. Wimberley, J. E. Rose, Wm. Pleasants, G. N. Dickens, J. O. Catalan, J. Luck, F. H. Coleman, T. R. Davis, J. C. Allen, and J. H. Purnell.

Every man went in with the determination to win; the contest was hard fought; and when the smoke and din of battle had cleared away and President Russell called for the decision of the judges, the following debaters had been picked to represent the University in debate this spring: J. E. Rose '13, F. H. Wimberley '13, J. Luck '13, F. H. Coleman

'13, E. A. Love '13, T. R. Davis '14; alternates, J. H. Purnell '13 and Wm. Pleasants '12.

The field of the subject was pretty well covered by the several contestants and all, for the most part, showed great power in handling the discussion: so much so that it required about twenty minutes for the judges to pick out the winners. Professors B. G. Brawley, E. E. Just, Geo. Cook, E. L. Parks and W. V. Tunnell were the judges.

### Chapel Notes

Mr. Beard, who has been doing missionary work in China for seventeen years was present in Chapel Monday and spoke of the intellectual and Christian awakenings in that great empire.

Dr. Weatherford, a General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in colleges of the South, whose book, "Study of the Negro Problem in the South" is being used in many of the Southern white colleges, was at Chapel exercises Tuesday and gave a long talk upon the appreciation of humanity and about his work.

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### News From Other Colleges

One half of the Yale students are going into business.

Forty nations will be represented in the Olympic games in Stockholm.

Brown has suggested to Cornell that the two colleges meet in football next year.

Sixty per cent of the Harvard undergraduates are undecided as to their future occupation.

Five thousand eight hundred and eighty four students are enrolled in Harvard University this year.

The girls physical director at Michigan recently gave a cotillion to two hundred girls; not a man was present.

Purdue has decided to give a gold medal to all students who represent the college for two or more years in athletics.

Following complaints from theatre managers Nebraska University expels any student who sings in public, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here."

One hundred and ninety-two preparatory schools are represented in the Freshman class at Dartmouth, Exeter having the largest number.

The majority of students at Princeton, Yale and Harvard consider "friendships" as the "most valuable thing" derived from a college education.

Three unique prizes are offered this year at Dartmouth, to be given to the students who, during the academic year, have developed most physically. No student is eligible who does not attain 65 per cent in his studies. All candidates are measured in the early part of the year and then are allowed to train in any way they choose. In May another measurement is taken, and the student showing the greatest gains will be awarded the prizes.

### Judge Terrell Addresses the Alpha Phi

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years. Too much credit cannot be given the Arrangement Committee and Mr. E. Clayton Terry, president of the society, for their faithful service in making such a program possible.

### Just a Little Personal

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

If Miss A. A. fell on the ice would Arthur Turner?

Poor "Fat" Taylor, we warned him but he acted too late.

Charlie if you don't stop Walter he will eat himself to death.

"I dislike all secret orders except the "Masons."—Miss P.

Rose said he is ready (Reddy) but not ready to recall judges.

Who would have thought it? Crip Young has gone to work.

Emory Smith has lost all of his property during the freeze a few days ago.

If Miss F. E. T. is left alone by a "Parson" would an "undertaker" (Snake)?

What sort of a girl is it that will send a young man's Christmas present back to him?

Some men cannot control themselves in the presence of a co-ed. They allow the co-ed to control them. See Sylvester Sedge, and "Jonnie Hunt" and T. B. Knealy.

Be fair, or foul, or rain, or shine.  
The joys I have possessed in spite  
of fate, are mine.

Not Heaven itself upon the past  
has power;

But what has been, has been, and  
I have had my hour.

—Dryden

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## The Control of the Fighting Instinct

(Concluded From a Recent Issue)

College athletics develop determination to succeed—persistence in trying. I have seen men who tried to make the team year after year, and they failed. But each year they reappeared, with set chins, firm, hearts determined, to make another try. These men must have fought a battle with themselves every day, every week, every year. It took large drafts of the fighting instinct to drive them out to a hopeless striving. For you men know at what sacrifice of time and energy a man plays foot ball, for instance here or in fact in any college. And so to you scrubs, especially men of the second team: Your determination to play, even with little hope of making the team—to act as tackling dummy or punching bag for the varsity—is developing in you one of the rarest traits found among men—determination to serve—serve faithfully and to the best of your ability whether you shine or not. It takes real fighters to do that. But “as is his part that goeth down into the battle, so shall be his that tarrieth by the stuff.” You will find in the game of life many instances when someone must labor and wait, must serve and work in times and places where the world sees not the worker. It is hard to do. But that is where we need the fighter to do the hard thing—to use the spirit of determination developed when playing with the scrubs. Anybody can stalk in the spotlight; it takes the real stuff to be a scene shifter.

Another important virtue developed by college athletics is

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self control under stress in the heat of action. This I have always found the most difficult thing to do. In a hot foot ball game, when animal ferocity is aroused to its highest point, it takes hard fighting to keep the passion under control; there is a tremendous desire to knock down and drag out—to slug and to clear away. When you are going you want to keep going, by fair means or foul, but keep going. Now, the rules of the game specifically point out the conditions under which you shall go; and as long as you are observant of the rules you may go. Your conduct is controlled by a code whose violation brings penalty to your team. By constant practice under such rules you gradually reach the condition of habitual observance. The coaches insist upon this, for the misdemeanor of one man may wreck the fortune of the body.

Life is a game in which there is a certain code, (I refer to an ethical, not a statutory code) whose violation brings penalties. And in this respect we, as one end of the American people, are peculiarly situated; any violation by you results in penalizing the race. Practice this virtue: fight against the hasty word, the sudden blow, for in later years you will need to restrain yourselves when it seems that nothing but violation of the code will fit the case. But your team will suffer, your race will be blamed for your acts. And let the terms “sudden blow” and “hasty word” typify the large class of acts committed only to satisfy a selfish and immediate desire. You murder, and we are branded as a race of murderers. You steal, and we are thieves. If you, as an educated man become a crook, then it is published that education makes crooks of us all. That this is unfair I do not deny. I merely call your attention to the parallel between the game of foot ball and the game of life.

And this naturally leads us to consider team work, that para-

mount requisite on the field of battle. Team work, the subjugation of the individual to the interest of the body. The temptation to the star on the field of contest is strong, to carry the ball all the time, to kick goal, to shine. In baseball it is hard to go to the bat and sacrifice when a long drive will bring such tremendous applause from the stands. It is hard to play guard where the crowd cannot see you. You want to be in the back field or on the end, out in the open where every eye will witness your exploits. But, fellows, without guards there would be no team: and bearing this in mind every man plays his best, gets the signal, and regardless of self, works with the other ten men for the accomplishment of the end in view.

As a man of the world you will see started some movement for the betterment of the community. You are asked to help, to take part in the enterprise. Will you sulk because you did not start it? And because your name will not appear in the paper? By no means. But some men in the world do, and I suspect that in their youth they never had the training that comes from good team play. I know men who condemn every movement started by any one else but who never start anything themselves; who constantly criticize the way in which successful men do things but never do anything themselves. Indeed, if there is any creature more despicable than such carping critics I have yet to form its acquaintance.

Now, by team in this connection I mean the whole body which works together for a given end. As it relates to Howard University I mean, that if you cannot play the game, there are other

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## EDITORIALS

President Thirkield, of Howard University, seems to be growing greatly in the grace not only of the Howard students but of all the Washington people. And when a man accomplishes the latter object, he needs no further recommendation.

—THE AMSTERDAM NEWS

Seen in the jestful way, it was with Luck, that the Coleman, the Rose, Love, Wimberly, and Davis came out victorious in the competitive debate. That the members of the Kappa Sigma were excellently prepared for the contest is vouched for by the fact that no victor received the unanimous choice of the judges.

A common accusation which is made against American colleges is that they are small isolated worlds in themselves, and that the students do not take sufficient interest in affairs of the outside world. The statement that a college man knows little about the politics of his own state and nothing about the current events in Eurasia is to a certain extent true. We are more interested in the affairs of Howard, especially in the building of our gymnasium, than we are in the fall of the Manchu Dynasty in China. To give us the opportunity to be intelligent upon our state and national affairs of great moment, the best periodicals and magazines and newspapers of the day are kept on the shelves and racks of the Library. It is strange how little some students make use of the opportunity to spend a pleasant and instructive hour in keeping in touch with home affairs. A few minutes a day spent in reading these documents will give us an intelligent view of the worldly situation. An education gained in this way presents nothing difficult or unpleasant; we spend as much time in other ways with probably little benefit and less enjoyment.

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## Kelly Miller's Brochure

Prof. Kelly Miller, in a well tempered syndicate article in "The Colored Press," points out the plain duty of the educated men of the race in the settlement of the various phases of the Negro problem. The article has been widely circulated and has attracted much favorable comment at the hands of philosophers and sociologists.

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In Africa, the vast pyramids of Egypt and the temples on the Nile are evidences that the engineer existed long before the Christian era. Present day engineers marvel still when contemplating the pile of immense blocks of stone forming the pyramids, and try to imagine what form of machinery could have been used in placing those great stones one upon another.

In Europe the Greeks and Romans did marvelous works in roads, bridges, aqueducts, and various mechanical structures which the modern engineer may well ponder upon and admire. While we read much in history of the emperors and kings who reigned when these great engineering works were produced, we learn nothing of the men who produced them, men whom we now call engineers.

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In 1907, when the United Engineering Building of New York City was dedicated "To the advancement of Engineering Arts and Sciences," President Hadley of Yale where the learned professions have been taught for two hundred years, said: "The men who did more than anything else to make the nineteenth century different from the other centuries that went before it, were its engineers."

Down to the close of the eighteenth century the thinking of the country was dominated by its theologians, its jurists, and its physicians.

These were by tradition the learned professions, the callings in which profound thought was needed, the occupations where successful men were venerated for their brains.

It was reserved for the nineteenth century to recognize the dominance of abstract thought in a new field—the field of constructive effort—and to revere the trained scientific expert for what he has done in these lines.

Engineering, which a hundred years ago was but a subordinate branch of the military art has become, in the years which have since elapsed, a dominant factor in the intelligent practice of every art where power is to be applied with economy and intelligence.

Will not every true engineer feel his enthusiasm in the profession quicker, as he watches the great vessels of trade and the great fighting machines sweep out to sea, and stop to consider how much brains and long experience, and hard work of many men had been concentrated in each one of them?

The enthusiasm of the engineer is never satisfied. Having annihilated time and space by introducing the locomotive, conquer-

ing the highway with the automobile, he now proposes to conquer the air with the aeroplane.

Where enthusiasm exists, love of work exists; success is bound to follow.

— F. W. FREDERICK —

## Medical Notes

J. T. Blue, senior medical student has received the sad news of the death of his father in British Guiana, South America. The sympathy of his classmates goes out to him.

An organization known as the Freedmen's Hospital Medical Society has been formed to stimulate research. It is composed of the Faculty of the Medical College, Members of the Freedmen's Hospital Staff, internes and the senior medical students. January 16th, 8 P. M., the following program was carried out in the Amphitheatre of the Hospital:

1. Pemphigus—Clinical Report, by Dr. Hazen.
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3. Marjolin's Ulcer—Dr. Ballloch.
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## A Discourse on Blushes

Perhaps there is no word in the whole English language so universally misconstrued, abused and misused as the poor little monosyllabic "blush". Poets use it to chase night away and hurry dawn along, authors make their heroines blush at pseudo-psychological moments, and women use it with telling effect upon susceptible, unsuspecting men. It is in the last respect however, that it is most generally utilized, and we shall discuss only in this phase.

Happily, science and invention have greatly increased the kinds of blushes at feminine disposal. There are about "57 varieties" in vogue among our Lady Superiors of the present day; and neither famine nor war has ever depleted the ranks of men so unerringly or so rapidly as the aforesaid "57 varieties" (unfortunately not Heinze's). The largest class of these may be had at all beauty emporiums (drug stores) at prices to fit all pockets, and of all sizes. They are always donned along with the other paraphernalia of the gentler sex—willow plumes, priffs, suede shoes, hobble skirts, etc.—when the wearer is preparing to go forth on a man-hunting expedition. When thus fully ac-

counted the female warrior is indeed a formidable enemy to encounter. It is not an infrequent occurrence for her to slay as many as twelve or even fifteen innocents with the self-same blush in the course of a single afternoon; while each victim dies happy in the thought that the blush was worn for his especial benefit, (for all men are vain). I am glad to add however that there is little likelihood of a man famine since there is one born every minute.

There is another class of blushes which is worthy of especial mention. These, for lack of a better name, may be designated as near-genuine blushes. They offer quite a variety in themselves. Some are feigned, a few simply trained, some are by-products of dollar culture, while still a few more isolated cases may be directly traced to after dinner coma induced by overeating and drinking; during which state the sufferer, who is incapable of farther activity than a sagacious simper, or the correcting of a coquettish curl, is unequal to sprightly conversation and blushes furiously in a valiant effort to postpone a much needed nap.

Chief however among these varieties is the real blush, one which steals forth unbidden upon its wearer; and whose advent is always welcome. Loosed from the mysterious realms of modesty it leaps to the face unsummoned, sending forth a hundred tiny points of crimson, softening, melting, yet also molding the iron in humanity. Such a blush is indeed a thing of beauty and joy forever. It is to be deplored however that the calls of this charming visitant are often kept secret by the cosmetic—colored countenances of some modern Eves.

In closing we will drop a few valuable hints for the benefit of blush-wearers. After donning a blush, never thoughtlessly rub one side of the face thereby destroying its blush for then you can only "kill" the man who is

lucky, or rather unlucky enough to be on the blushing side, thus reducing your usefulness to humanity by one half. Also procure crimson blushing unguents in preference to pink ones at all times if possible. Some men are nearsighted you know, and then there are also others who measure the strength of the hit which they think themselves to have made with you, by the redness of your blushes. So minute attention should be paid to every detail by those who wish to consecrate their lives to the uplift of bashful man. Blushes should never be allowed to leap to the face spontaneously, since such lack of control is generally considered as an unfailing sign of country breeding. One should never dare to venture out without wearing blushes because they frequently save one's face in conversation. When for the moment one is, to use a colloquial expression, "up a tree" as to just what would be the proper reply to make to some query of a gentleman, a graceful blush will often retrieve the situation.

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## The Control of the Fighting Instinct

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things to be done which you can do while others do the playing; the business end must be handled, the grounds kept in order, tickets sold, and a thousand things to be attended to before the game is played. And when the game is on you must either be with the team or with the rabble. And so with life.

By laboring for a cause you learn to love it; by putting yourself into a thing it becomes a part of you and you develop a spirit of loyalty which is eternal. Now such loyalty is love and we learn to love, Howard, for instance, and we feel grateful to her for the opportunity she has afforded us to grow to manhood—strong, moral and intellectual manhood. In later years you will find abundant need for the twin virtues loyalty and gratitude. Your Alma Mater will need your love and devotion in a thousand ways. Your race will need all the service the strength of your loyalty can offer. And the general social service whose prominence in our modern civilization is daily growing more pronounced is loyalty to mankind in general.

It should not now be difficult to apply these thoughts to the spirit of the Y. M. C. A. As I understand it, this great organization of young men, and in fact men of all ages, is a group banded together for the development and practice of the manly, vigorous, Christian virtues. "Young men"—that means all men young in heart, young in spirit; men who

are not always getting ready to die. "Christian Association"—we all know what Association means; but what Christian means is a question for which we could find many answers. It is a word whose meaning has changed with creeds and sects for twenty centuries but has grown more and more sane as time passed on. In its essential features, however, nearly all enlightened subscribers to the faith agree.

The days of the Inquisition have past; and a manly honest idea need not be suppressed for fear of persecution; nor need a lie be told to save innocence from torment. Vows of poverty, chastity and obedience required of the early saints are no longer essentials of the Christian creed. Symon Stites, perched for thirty years on a ruined pillar subjected to the ravages of a desert climate in order to live a blameless life away from the world, we admire only as an example of fortitude and determination not as typical of Christian living. You can be a Christian with a voice ringing with laughter. Sunday need not of necessity be a day of misery; and a pool room does not desecrate a building.

Such questions as whether the whale swallowed Jonah; or the length of each of the six days occupied in the creation of the world; or whether Methuselah lived while the earth swung nine hundred times around its orbits; or whether there is a personal devil—are to my mind immaterial and irrelevant. I love that brief passage from Matthew which thus summarizes the matter:

"But when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence they were gathered together.

"Then one of them . . . . . asked him a question . . . . . saying, Master, which is the great commandment of the Law. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind. This is

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